



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
JUL 16 2004  
GROUP 3600

In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki SAITO et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3625

Serial No.: 09/199,566

Examiner: **Nicholas D. ROSEN**

Filed: **November 25, 1998**

Confirmation No.: 3839

For: **PASSPORT TRANSACTION APPARATUS, PASSPORT TRANSACTION METHOD AND PASSPORT TRANSACTION SYSTEM**

Attorney Docket No.: **981391**

Customer Number: **38834**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**

Mailstop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

July 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submits the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.